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The House met at 11 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GRIFFITH).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
August 15, 2023.

I hereby appoint the Honorable H. MORGAN GRIFFITH to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

KEVIN MCCARTHY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Holy God, we pause because we believe that in pausing, in reorienting our hearts and our minds to You, You will look with mercy upon us and hear our prayers.

Merciful God, we pray because we believe that in offering to You our innermost thoughts, You will attend to our most pressing concerns, answer our deepest needs, and in Your grace, give us hope.

Gracious God, we hope because we believe that in hoping, in opening ourselves to the future You desire for us to enjoy and the lives You wish for us to live, You will, in Your steadfast love, abide with us in these days and always.

Loving God, we pause, we pray, we hope, because we believe. Help our unbelief.

In Your holy, merciful, and gracious name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution

5, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The SPEAKER pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE CANADA-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276d, clause 10 of rule I, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Canada-United States Interparliamentary Group:

Mr. HIGGINS, New York
Mr. LARSEN, Washington
Mr. MORELLE, New York
Ms. OMAR, Minnesota
Mr. THANEDAR, Michigan

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE MEXICO-UNITED STATES INTERPARLIAMENTARY GROUP

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair announces the Speaker's appointment, pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 276h, and the order of the House of January 9, 2023, of the following Members on the part of the House to the Mexico-United States Interparliamentary Group:

Mr. CUELLAR, Texas
Mr. CORREA, California

ADJOURNMENT

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 3(z) of House Resolution

5, the House stands adjourned until 10:30 a.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023.

Thereupon (at 11 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until Friday, August 18, 2023, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

EC-1643. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS) Program: Standards for 2023-2025 and Other Changes; Correction [EPA-HQ-OAR-2021-0427; FRL-8514-03-OAR] (RIN: 2060-AV14) received August 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1644. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Volatile Organic Compound Regulations [EPA-R04-OAR-2021-0618; FRL-9242-02-R4] received August 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1645. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Air Quality Control, Revisions to Particulates From Fugitive Dust Emissions Sources Rule [EPA-R04-OAR-2022-0428 FRL-9991-02-R4] received August 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

EC-1646. A letter from the Associate Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting the Agency's final rule — Air Plan Approval; North Carolina; Update to Materials Incorporated by Reference [EPA-R04-OAR-2022-0512; FRL-10177-01-R4] received August 1, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

□ This symbol represents the time of day during the House proceedings, e.g., □ 1407 is 2:07 p.m.

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EC-1647. A communication from the President of the United States, transmitting notification that the national emergency with respect to expiration of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, declared in Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, is to continue in effect for 1 year beyond August 17, 2023, pursuant to 50 U.S.C. 1622(d); Public Law 94-412, Sec. 202(d); (90 Stat. 1257) (H. Doc. No. 118—61); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and ordered to be printed.

EC-1648. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Hartington, NE [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1009; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ACE-5] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1649. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class D and E Airspace and Revocation of Class E Airspace; Kalamazoo, MI [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1007; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AGL-13] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1650. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Sonora, TX [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0732; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ASW-10] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1651. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class C Airspace; Daytona Beach International Airport, Daytona Beach, FL [Docket No.: FAA-2023-1083; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AWA-2] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1652. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Very High Frequency (VHF) Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal Airways V-6, V-338, V-494, and United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-331 [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0501; Airspace Docket No.: 23-AWP-3] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1653. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of United States Area Navigation (RNAV) Route T-230; St. Paul Island, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2022-0216; Airspace Docket No.: 19-AAL-63] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1654. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Amendment of Class E Airspace; Carrabassett, ME [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0837; Airspace Docket No.: 23-ANE-05] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1655. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Colored Federal Airway Red 39 (R-39); Bethel, AK [Docket No.: FAA-2022-1796; Airspace Docket No.: 22-AAL-30] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1656. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Revocation of Jet Route J-184 and Establishment of United States Area Navigation Route Q-180; Southwest United States [Docket No.: FAA-2023-0721; Airspace Docket No.: 22-ASW-16] (RIN: 2120-AA66) received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1657. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31494; Amdt. No.: 4067] received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1658. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31495; Amdt. No.: 4068] received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1659. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31496; Amdt. No.: 4069] received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1660. A letter from the Management and Program Analyst, FAA, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's final rule — Standard Instrument Approach Procedures, and Takeoff Minimums and Obstacle Departure Procedures; Miscellaneous Amendments [Docket No.: 31497; Amdt. No.: 4070] received July 25, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

EC-1661. A letter from the Chair, National Transportation Safety Board, transmitting the Board's final rule — Internal Personnel Rules and Practices of the NTSB [Docket No.: NTSB-2021-0006] (RIN: 3147-AA23) received June 7, 2023, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 801(a)(1)(A); Public Law 104-121, Sec. 251; (110 Stat. 868); to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions of the following titles were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Ms. ESCOBAR:

H.R. 5204. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection

Agency to establish a grant program to facilitate the development of climate adaptation plans by certain entities, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mrs. BONAMICI (for herself and Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN):

H.R. 5205. A bill to establish the Coastal Management Fellowship and the Digital Coast Fellowship, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 5206. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make a portion of research credit refundable for certain small businesses engaging in specified medical research; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. BUCHANAN (for himself, Mr. FITZPATRICK, and Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania):

H.R. 5207. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to add a new medical research component to the credit for increasing research activities; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia (for himself and Mr. DUNN of Florida):

H.R. 5208. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of locum tenens physicians and advanced care practitioners as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages, including in underserved areas; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. DUNN of Florida:

H.R. 5209. A bill to impose export controls and sanctions to address the security threat posed by the genetic mapping efforts of the Government of the People's Republic of China and other countries, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, and in addition to the Committee on the Judiciary, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. EDWARDS (for himself and Mr. PANETTA):

H.R. 5210. A bill to direct the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency to amend regulations relating to exemptions for engines and equipment for purposes of national security, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. GAETZ:

H.R. 5211. A bill to prohibit funds from being used to implement the Internet Covert Operations Program under the United States Postal Inspection Service, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER (for himself and Mr. D'ESPOSITO):

H.R. 5212. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to make available under the assistance to firefighters grant program the establishment of cancer prevention programs, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology.

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 5213. A bill to ensure that prior authorization medical decisions under Medicare are determined by physicians; to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 5214. A bill to mandate certain hours for in person branch offices of depository institutions, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 5215. A bill to require the United States Trade Representative, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, to determine a means of reinstating mandatory country of origin labeling for beef that is in compliance with all applicable rules of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. McGOVERN (for himself, Mr. COURTNEY, Mrs. HAYES, Ms. BALINT, Ms. KUSTER, Mr. NEAL, and Mr. HIMES):

H.R. 5216. A bill to direct restoration and protection efforts of the 5-State Connecticut River Watershed region, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources, and in addition to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. NADLER (for himself, Mr. BLUMENAUER, Ms. BARRAGAN, Mr. BOYLE of Pennsylvania, Mr. CASTEN, Ms. CHU, Mr. COHEN, Mr. CONNOLLY, Ms. DELBENE, Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. KILMER, Mr. KRISHNAMOORTHY, Ms. MCCOLLUM, Ms. MENG, Mr. MOSKOWITZ, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. NEGUSE, Ms. NORTON, Mr. RASKIN, Ms. SCANLON, Mr. SCHIFF, and Ms. TOKUDA):

H.R. 5217. A bill to amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the possession or use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. NEGUSE (for himself and Mr. LALOTA):

H.R. 5218. A bill to amend the Carl Levin and Howard P. "Buck" McKeon National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2015 to modify requirements relating to data centers of certain Federal agencies, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5219. A bill to revise the composition of the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the District of Columbia so that the Board will consist solely of members appointed by the government of the District of Columbia, except when the Board is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to a chancery; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. NORTON (for herself and Mr. TORRES of New York):

H.R. 5220. A bill to direct the Postmaster General to issue a forever stamp depicting Bayard Rustin, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Oversight and Accountability.

By Ms. SHERRILL (for herself, Mr. POSEY, Mr. BACON, Mrs. RAMIREZ, Mr. VEASEY, Mr. FITZPATRICK, Ms. DEAN of Pennsylvania, Mr. KIM of New Jersey, Ms. BONAMICI, Ms. SCANLON, and Mr. CARSON):

H.R. 5221. A bill to amend the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to meet the needs of homeless children, youth, and families, and honor the assessments and priorities of local communities; to the Committee on Financial Services, and in addition to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 5222. A bill to establish the Energy Workers Compensation Fund to compensate energy workers for certain medical expenses; to the Committee on Education and the Workforce, and in addition to the Committee on Ways and Means, for a period to be subse-

quently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY AND SINGLE SUBJECT STATEMENTS

Pursuant to clause 7(c)(1) of rule XII and Section 3(c) of H. Res. 5 the following statements are submitted regarding (1) the specific powers granted to Congress in the Constitution to enact the accompanying bill or joint resolution and (2) the single subject of the bill or joint resolution.

By Ms. ESCOBAR:

H.R. 5204.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8.

The single subject of this legislation is: Environmental

By Ms. BONAMICI:

H.R. 5205.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is: Oceans

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 5206.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. 1, Sec. 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to make a portion of research credit refundable for certain small businesses engaging in specified medical research

By Mr. BUCHANAN:

H.R. 5207.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Art. 1, Sec. 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to add a new medical research component to the credit for increasing research activities

By Mr. CARTER of Georgia:

H.R. 5208.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8 of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to clarify the treatment of locum tenens physicians and advanced care practitioners as independent contractors to help alleviate physician shortages, including in underserved areas.

By Mr. DUNN of Florida:

H.R. 5209.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, Clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To impose sanctions to address the national security threats posed by genetic mapping of PRC.

By Mr. EDWARDS:

H.R. 5210.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article IV, Section 3, clause 2 provides Congress with the power to "dispose of and make all needful Rules and Regulations respecting the Territory and other Property belonging to the United States."

The single subject of this legislation is:

The bill would provide an EPA emissions exemption for public safety agencies, boat motors with less than 60 horsepower.

By Mr. GAETZ:

H.R. 5211.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 1 and Article 1, Section 9, Clause 7

The single subject of this legislation is:

Prohibits the expending of funds to implement the Internet Covert Operations Program under the United States Postal Inspection Service.

By Mr. GOTTHEIMER:

H.R. 5212.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

firefighter grants

By Mr. GREEN of Tennessee:

H.R. 5213.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8, Clause 18 of the Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would reform the practice of prior authorization in Medicare and Medicare Advantage by requiring that all preauthorizations and adverse determinations are made by a licensed physician who is board-certified in the specialty relevant to the health care service in question.

By Mr. GREEN of Texas:

H.R. 5214.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Necessary and Proper Clause (Art. 1, Sec. 8, Cl. 18).

The single subject of this legislation is:

To mandate certain hours for in person branch offices of depository institutions, and for other purposes.

By Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota:

H.R. 5215.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

To require the United States Trade Representative, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, to determine a means of reinstating mandatory country of origin labeling for beef that is in compliance with all applicable rules of the World Trade Organization, and for other purposes.

By Mr. McGOVERN:

H.R. 5216.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, Section 8 of the United States Constitution.

The single subject of this legislation is:

Conservation.

By Mr. NADLER:

H.R. 5217.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8, clause 18

The single subject of this legislation is:

To amend the National Wildlife Refuge System Administration Act of 1966 to prohibit the possession or use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System, and for other purposes.

By Mr. NEGUSE:

H.R. 5218.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article I, Section 8

The single subject of this legislation is:

To modify certain requirements related to federal data centers for certain agencies

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5219.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 17 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint the members of the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (Board), except when the Board is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to a chancery.

By Ms. NORTON:

H.R. 5220.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

clause 7 of section 8 of article I of the Constitution

The single subject of this legislation is:

This bill would direct the United States Postmaster General to issue a forever stamp depicting Bayard Rustin.

By Ms. SHERRILL:

H.R. 5221.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Clause 18 of Section 8 of Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States of America

The single subject of this legislation is:

Improving access to homeless assistance services for children and families

By Mr. VASQUEZ:

H.R. 5222.

Congress has the power to enact this legislation pursuant to the following:

Article 1, section 8, Clauses 1 and 18 of the United State Constitution, to provide for the general welfare and make all laws necessary and proper to carry out the powers of the Congress

The single subject of this legislation is:

Healthcare

ADDITIONAL SPONSORS

Under clause 7 of rule XII, sponsors were added to public bills and resolutions, as follows:

H.R. 7: Mr. CURTIS and Mr. ARRINGTON.

H.R. 12: Mr. HARDER of California.

H.R. 427: Mr. GRAVES of Missouri, Mr. CURTIS, Mr. ARRINGTON, Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. BERGMAN, Mr. CLOUD, and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 529: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 537: Mr. GARBARINO and Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 565: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 603: Mr. SMUCKER.

H.R. 620: Mr. RUTHERFORD.

H.R. 667: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York and Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia.

H.R. 700: Mr. DAVID SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. ROSENDALE, Ms. BUDZINSKI, Mr. SMITH of Nebraska, Ms. STEFANIK, and Mr. MRVAN.

H.R. 760: Mrs. HINSON.

H.R. 830: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia.

H.R. 847: Mr. IVEY.

H.R. 936: Mr. FLEISCHMANN and Mr. LAMALFA.

H.R. 984: Mr. D'ESPOSITO, Ms. SÁNCHEZ, Mr. GARBARINO, and Mr. TONKO.

H.R. 1065: Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. HARDER of California, Mr. TRONE, and Ms. PORTER.

H.R. 1101: Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia.

H.R. 1250: Mr. BALDERSON.

H.R. 1263: Mr. MFUME.

H.R. 1318: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 1401: Ms. HOULAHAN and Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana.

H.R. 1535: Ms. SALAZAR and Ms. ROSS.

H.R. 1570: Ms. JAYAPAL.

H.R. 1584: Mr. GARBARINO.

H.R. 1610: Mrs. KIGGANS of Virginia, Mr. IVEY, and Ms. SALINAS.

H.R. 1666: Ms. TOKUDA and Mr. CASTEN.

H.R. 1679: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 1694: Ms. VAN DUYN.

H.R. 1719: Mr. MAGAZINER.

H.R. 1814: Mr. PAPPAS.

H.R. 1831: Mr. ARMSTRONG and Ms. CHU.

H.R. 2389: Mr. SCOTT of Virginia, Mrs. FLETCHER, Mr. CASAR, Mr. PANETTA, Ms. SCANLON, and Ms. WILD.

H.R. 2394: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 2402: Ms. TITUS, Mr. TRONE, and Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 2412: Ms. ROSS and Ms. DELBENE.

H.R. 2443: Mr. KHANNA.

H.R. 2548: Mr. RYAN.

H.R. 2630: Mr. BEYER, Ms. WEXTON, Ms. SEWELL, Ms. PINGREE, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, and Mr. CARTER of Georgia.

H.R. 2667: Mr. MORAN.

H.R. 2703: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 2713: Ms. PINGREE.

H.R. 2766: Mr. ROSE.

H.R. 2814: Mrs. HARSHBARGER.

H.R. 2985: Mr. PAYNE.

H.R. 3048: Ms. TENNEY.

H.R. 3063: Mr. TRONE.

H.R. 3170: Mr. SOTO and Mr. CARBAJAL.

H.R. 3238: Mr. GOTTHEIMER and Mr. DIAZ-BALART.

H.R. 3255: Mr. LEVIN.

H.R. 3312: Mr. MAGAZINER.

H.R. 3344: Mr. MAGAZINER.

H.R. 3413: Mr. ALFORD and Ms. FOXX.

H.R. 3420: Mr. MFUME.

H.R. 3510: Mr. FOSTER.

H.R. 3534: Mr. GOLDMAN of New York.

H.R. 3545: Ms. STEVENS.

H.R. 3548: Mr. GARCÍA of Illinois.

H.R. 3601: Mr. SCHIFF, Mr. LYNCH, and Mr. MORELLE.

H.R. 3608: Mr. GARAMENDI.

H.R. 3650: Mrs. HAYES.

H.R. 3656: Mr. LYNCH.

H.R. 3659: Mr. NADLER.

H.R. 3684: Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio.

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H.R. 3865: Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania, Mr. EVANS, and Mr. PERRY.

H.R. 3915: Ms. STEVENS.

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H.R. 4064: Ms. TITUS.

H.R. 4182: Ms. WILSON of Florida.

H.R. 4262: Mr. FITZPATRICK.

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H.R. 4545: Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 4563: Mr. EZELL.

H.R. 4577: Mr. MOOLENAAR.

H.R. 4598: Mr. NADLER, Mr. ESPAILLAT, Mr. IVEY, Ms. STRICKLAND, and Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin.

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H.R. 5110: Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota, Mrs. MILLER of West Virginia, Mrs. CAMMACK, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mr. LAMBORN, Mr. HILL, Mrs. PELTOLA, Mr. KUSTOFF, Mr. WOMACK, and Mr. PENCE.

H.R. 5127: Mr. GOTTHEIMER.

H.R. 5129: Ms. MACE, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, Mrs. GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN, Mr. NEHLS, and Mr. C. SCOTT FRANKLIN of Florida.

H.R. 5145: Mr. SCHIFF.

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H. Con. Res. 28: Mr. BOST, Mr. NEGUSE, and Mr. JOHNSON of South Dakota.

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H. Con. Res. 61: Mr. HUFFMAN, Mr. FOSTER, Ms. CHU, Ms. WEXTON, Mr. MULLIN, Mr. AUCHINCLOSS, Ms. LOFGREN, Mr. SWALWELL, Mrs. WATSON COLEMAN, and Ms. DELBENE.

H. Res. 108: Ms. KELLY of Illinois.

H. Res. 365: Mr. WILSON of South Carolina.

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H. Res. 601: Ms. PORTER.

H. Res. 618: Mrs. HAYES, Ms. WILSON of Florida, and Ms. MENG.

H. Res. 651: Mr. BANKS and Ms. TENNEY.



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The Senate met at 10:47 and 39 seconds a.m. and was called to order by the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, a Senator from the State of Maryland.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

The assistant parliamentarian read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, August 15, 2023.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable CHRIS VAN HOLLEN, a

Senator from the State of Maryland, to perform the duties of the Chair.

PATTY MURRAY,
President pro tempore.

Mr. VAN HOLLEN thereupon assumed the Chair as Acting President pro tempore.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. In my capacity as the Senator from Maryland, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order of July 27, 2023, I be recognized to ask consent to modify that order.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

UNANIMOUS CONSENT AGREEMENT

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. In my capacity as the Senator

from Maryland, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the order of July 27, 2023, the Senate, having now convened today, not convene at 12 noon as previously ordered, and that when it adjourns today, it stand adjourned as under the previous order until 1 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023, and that all other provisions of the July 27th order remain in effect.

Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023, AT 1 P.M.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Under the previous order, the Senate stands adjourned until 1 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2023.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 10:49 and 8 seconds a.m., adjourned until Friday, August 18, 2023, at 1 p.m.

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EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

INTRODUCTION OF HOUSE RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE CHICANO/CHICANA HERITAGE MONTH

HON. J. LUIS CORREA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. CORREA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of a resolution I proudly introduced earlier this month to recognize Chicano/Chicana Heritage Month.

Although the term “Chicano” was previously used as a derogatory term for Mexican Americans, today the Mexican American community has reclaimed “Chicano” and “Chicana” to empower and uplift the Mexican American identity.

Chicanos and Chicanas from all over—my district in Orange County, the State of California, and the United States as a whole—have significantly contributed to the advancement of our society. Chicanos have aided in scientific advancement, such as the co-invention of the X-ray reflection microscope by Albert Vinicio Báez. Chicanos have pushed the limits of space exploration, like Ellen Ochoa did as the first Hispanic female astronaut. And Chicanos, like Emigido Vasquez and Selena Quintanilla Pérez, have added color through our lives through art, music, and fashion.

Chicanos and Chicanas have also served proudly in our Nation’s military. These brave patriots fought and sacrificed for our Nation’s freedoms. Almost 20 percent of American casualties in the Vietnam War were Chicano and Chicana.

As of 2021, over 37,000,000 Chicanos and Chicanas reside in the United States and make up about 60 percent of America’s Latino population. The Chicano population alone makes up almost 12 percent of this country, making Chicano culture an important part of the fabric of our Nation.

In my district, Chicanos and Chicanas make up over 70 percent of the city of Santa Ana—the first major city to recognize August as Chicano Heritage Month last year. This year, I am proud that Anaheim will join the celebrations and commemorate Chicano Heritage all month long.

Mexican Americans in the United States deserve recognition for their achievements and contributions to our country. In that spirit, I was honored to have introduced the Chicano/Chicana Heritage Month Resolution. This resolution would recognize August as Chicano/Chicana Heritage Month and acknowledge the role Chicanos and Chicanas have played in our Nation’s biggest triumphs.

RECOGNIZING JAUQUA WILKINS

HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Jauqua Wilkins for her induction

into the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City. Jauqua is passionate about empowering the underrepresented, improving access to quality education, and strengthening diversity and inclusion efforts. She understands how systemic inequality disproportionately affects minority families by providing fewer opportunities for economic mobility. Consequently, she has devoted her time and energy to building a more just equitable world.

As a child, Jauqua and her mother attended events that celebrated Black culture in the United States. These events gave Jauqua a strong sense of belonging and a positive self-image. After earning a bachelor’s degree in biology at the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a master’s degree in education at American International University, Jauqua began teaching biology and algebra in special education classrooms. She believes that educating her local community is a way to close wealth gaps, and her teaching experience includes work at Southwest Charter, Hickman Mills C–1 school district, the Economic Opportunity Foundation, and the Full Employment Council. While teaching at the Economic Opportunity Foundation, she was awarded the mentor of the year award for 2009–2010.

In 2013, Jauqua became a career development specialist at MINACT, Inc., where she assisted students in developing the skills needed to find meaningful job opportunities. Jauqua later served as the Vice President of Programs and Operations at the Urban League of Greater Kansas City from 2016 to 2021. She crafted policies and programs, set strategic goal-setting initiatives, and conducted evaluations within the Urban League. In 2021, Jauqua became the Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion Program Manager II at Cerner Corporation in Kansas City, Missouri. In this position, she helped implement new programs and policies that highlighted disparities of accessibility and outcomes. Jauqua was promoted as the Global Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Officer at the Oracle Cerner Corporation. In addition to creating cultural and diversity programs, she now develops and implements procedures with an inclusive decision making process. Jauqua’s experience as a Diversity and Inclusion officer will serve as a powerful asset not only to the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City, but also to the greater Kansas City community.

Moreover, Jauqua has been a very active member within her community. Her service experience includes being a part of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.—Mu Omega Chapter. She currently serves on the University of Missouri Extension and Engagement Advisory Committee. In this role, she serves as a catalyst by building connections between people, communicating the value of the committee’s work, and receiving feedback from others on how to improve Missourians’ lives. She was also a part of the KC Chamber Centurions Leadership Program and Steering Committee of the Apex Class of 2022. Jauqua served as a council member of the YMCA People Service Council and as a secretary of

the Kansas City International School Board. In addition, Jauqua has been recognized by the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Societas Docta for her advocacy in Civil Rights. Jauqua has served in numerous leadership roles within the Kansas City metropolitan area.

Jauqua has shown time after time that she is a mission-driven and visionary leader who does exceptionally well while in leadership roles. There’s no doubt in my mind that Jauqua is a great addition to the Black Achievers Society of Greater Kansas City. Mr. Speaker, please join me in applauding Jauqua Wilkins for all her contributions to our community and the great work that she will continue to do.

RECOGNIZING GEORGE PEDERSEN

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the life and memory of George J. Pedersen, who passed away on May 22, 2023, at age 87. My prayers are with his family and loved ones, especially his wife, Marilyn.

George was a caring individual and dedicated entrepreneur who lived his life serving others. He co-founded and led ManTech for more than 50 years. With a fierce love for his country and visionary genius, George evolved and grew ManTech as the government expanded its need for high-end engineering and innovative technology for national security missions. George’s leadership in instilling expectations of excellence and success has made ManTech to be a successful partner with the government during threats of war, the space race, and 9/11. I am personally grateful for his leadership in Virginia, and I know that our communities are safer because of George’s dedication and service to innovate ManTech’s technology and solutions.

Not only did George dedicate his life to building and expanding ManTech, but he also was an amazing mentor and friend to all. He focused on helping people within the ManTech community and the community beyond. He prioritized successful outcomes for his customers and held himself to the highest standard in everything he did. George took a personal interest in the well-being of those around him and lived a life of service and dedication to others.

George will be remembered for his legacy of service, sacrifice, and care. I pray that his family and loved ones may be comforted as they mourn his loss. Therefore, Mr. Speaker, I ask that you join me in honoring the life and legacy of George Pedersen.

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HONORING THE SMALL BUSINESS
ADMINISTRATION**HON. MICHAEL GUEST**

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. GUEST. Mr. Speaker, on July 30, 1953, President Dwight D. Eisenhower signed into law an act of Congress establishing the Small Business Administration (SBA) with the purpose of promoting and supporting small businesses across the United States of America. Since its founding, the SBA has stood as a pillar of support for America's entrepreneurs. Today, we recognize the SBA's invaluable contributions to empowering entrepreneurs; fostering economic opportunity and innovation; and building a vibrant and resilient economy for all Americans.

Over the past seven decades, the SBA has implemented groundbreaking programs and innovative lending initiatives that have helped entrepreneurs transform the economic landscape of our nation. By recognizing these achievements, we honor the SBA's commitment to fostering economic opportunity and supporting the indomitable spirit of our small business owners.

America is a Nation of progress, and small businesses are vital to spurring the competition and the innovations that drive our economy. The SBA plays a vital role in fostering entrepreneurship.

The SBA has been instrumental in providing access to capital for entrepreneurs who faced obstacles in securing traditional financing. SBA launched the 8(a) Business Development Program which provides support, mentorship, and access to government contracts for socially and economically disadvantaged small business owners. This program opened the doors of opportunity for minority-owned businesses, creating a more inclusive economic landscape.

Recognizing the extraordinary contributions that American women make to our economy, the SBA established the Office of Women's Business Ownership, empowering women entrepreneurs and women-owned small businesses to thrive.

In times of crisis, the SBA plays a crucial role in disaster recovery, providing low-interest disaster loans to businesses and homeowners impacted by natural disasters.

During the unprecedented challenges brought forth by the COVID-19 pandemic, the SBA played a pivotal role in keeping our economy afloat with its administration of critical relief programs. The Paycheck Protection Program, COVID Economic Injury Disaster Loan program, the Restaurant Revitalization Fund, and the Shuttered Venue Operators Grant helped small businesses keep the lights on, safeguarded millions of jobs, preserved livelihoods, and ensured the survival of American enterprise.

Please join me in honoring the Small Business Administration's legacy by continuing to support and uplift our Nation's small businesses.

HONORING SPC CHARLIE SIMPSON,
JR.**HON. BRUCE WESTERMAN**

OF ARKANSAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. WESTERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the service and heroism of U.S. Army Specialist Charlie Simpson, Jr. Mr. Simpson was drafted into the United States Army in 1968 and went to Basic Training in Fort Ord, California. After Basic Training, he successfully completed Advanced Infantry Training and later, Jump Training School. He then received orders to join our brave soldiers in Vietnam.

Mr. Simpson was injured on November 1, 1969, while serving the United States of America, and he was hospitalized in Japan for 30 days. He returned home to the U.S. in December 1969, and recuperated at the Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver, Colorado, for 1 year. As a result of his combat service-connected injuries, Mr. Simpson lost both of his legs. He received an honorable discharge in 1970, and he was recognized for his tremendous service with the awarding of a Purple Heart and other prestigious medals. With such serious injuries, some would have given up, but that's not Charlie Simpson's way. After his discharge from the Army, Mr. Simpson returned home to Malvern, Arkansas, where he met his wife, Brenda, and where they made a tremendously full life together. The Simpsons have 5 children: Aaronda McNair and her husband, Tony, Veronica Rose and her husband, Cletis, Charlie Simpson, III and his wife, Nikya, Leticia Franklin and her husband, Kevin, and their dearly beloved, deceased son, Aaron Simpson. They have also been blessed with 11 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren to carry-on the legacy of their brave grandfather and great-grandfather.

Mr. Speaker, we often mention the sacrifices our men and women in uniform and their families make for our country, and rightly so. But today, along with our thanks, let us also celebrate the good work and contributions these soldiers, airmen, and marines have made in their communities. I would like to thank Specialist Simpson for his tremendous sacrifice for our nation and wish him well as he continues working for the people of Malvern, Arkansas. All Arkansans are eternally grateful for his service.

HONORING THE LIFELONG COMMUNITY
SERVICE OF FLO BELLAMY**HON. DIANA HARSHBARGER**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mrs. HARSHBARGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor a truly remarkable individual, Ms. Flo Bellamy, whose dedication, passion, and selfless service to the citizens of Johnson County, Tennessee, have left an indelible mark on our community.

I have personally witnessed Flo's unwavering commitment to the youth of our community. One of Flo's most outstanding attributes is the genuine love she extends to each child, and it is on display every day at the Commu-

nity Center. This is a woman who, for three years, worked without a salary, driven by a vision to establish an afterschool and summer program for our youth. Her sacrifices, from collecting essentials for the disadvantaged to ensuring that many children receive their only meal outside of the school system, showcase her unprecedented dedication.

In addition to her work with the youth, Flo has been a beacon of hope for cancer patients, assisting them in navigating their journey, from finding care to arranging transportation to medical appointments. Her connection to this cause is personal and sincere. Having witnessed the devastating effects of cancer in her own family, Flo took the reins of the American Cancer Society's county-wide walk for cancer. Even as the names and structures of these efforts evolved, Flo's leadership remained constant, her shift from fundraising for research to directly benefiting local cancer patients made a significant difference in the lives of many.

Furthermore, Flo's teachings have sowed the seeds of understanding, tolerance, and unity. She taught respect for all, regardless of race, religion, or disability. Due to her influence, I firmly believe that the younger generation in our community now embraces differences more openly and warmly than ever before.

However, the testament to Flo's legacy isn't just in the programs she led or the funds she raised. It's in the heartfelt stories of grown adults, once children under her wing, who approach her in public to express their gratitude and love. It's in the newfound perspectives and attitudes she fostered in a community that has historically faced its own set of challenges.

As I stand here, my heart swells with gratitude for Flo Bellamy. Her decades-long service, from leading the Johnson County—Mountain City Community Center to being an unwavering advocate for the most vulnerable, has left a mark that will echo across generations. We all owe her an immense debt of gratitude.

I invite my colleagues and the citizens of Johnson County to join me in saluting our precious Flo. Her work and her spirit embody the very best of our community. We love and cherish her, and I am honored to have this opportunity to recognize her monumental contributions.

TRIBUTE TO YOUNG STAFF MEMBERS FOR THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE 18TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT OF TEXAS AND THE UNITED STATES

HON. SHEILA JACKSON LEE

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I am here today to extend my deepest appreciation and profound gratitude to the extraordinary legislative fellows who have graced my office with their unwavering dedication and unyielding commitment.

Members of Congress know well, perhaps better than most, how blessed our Nation is to have in reserve such exceptional young men

and women who will go on to become leaders in their local communities, states and the Nation in the areas of business, education, law, government, philanthropy, the arts and culture, and the military.

We know this because we see them and the benefits from their contributions every day. Many of them work for us in our offices as junior staff members, congressional fellows, or interns and they do amazing work for and on behalf of the constituents we are privileged to represent.

Mr. Speaker, I believe there is no higher calling than the call to serve a cause larger than ourselves.

That is why I ran for public office. I was inspired to serve by so many great public figures that came before me. I was inspired to serve by President Kennedy who said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country," and by the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. who said: "Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. . . . You only need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love."

By this measure there are several other great young men and women who served as legislative fellows this Spring and Summer in my office. Each day, they exemplified the highest standards of excellence, bringing forth fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and an unrelenting drive to effect positive change within our cherished community. Their tireless efforts to address the diverse needs and pressing concerns of our constituents resonate deeply with the values we hold dear.

In the pursuit of serving the constituents of the 18th Congressional District of Texas, their contributions have been nothing short of remarkable.

That is why today I rise to pay tribute to 14 extraordinary young persons for their service to my constituents of the 18th Congressional District of Texas and to the American people. They are:

Panashé Siachitema, Texas Tech University; Ramanpreet Kaur, Indiana University; Amy Arceo, Texas A&M University; Ainsley Gill, Vanderbilt University; Joel Crawford, Harvard University; Kevin Darmadi, George Washington University; Lindsey O'Neal, Payne International Development Fellowship, Niyonsaba Magnifique, Payne International Development Fellowship; Vanessa Rogers-Wright, Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Program; Wilson Pemboh, Texas Tech University; Alexandra Wilhelm, Pepperdine University; Parker Milligan, Oglethorpe University; J Hardy, Howard University; Carrington Blair, Jackson State University.

Mr. Speaker, the energy, intelligence and idealism that these wonderful young people brought to my office and those interning in the offices of my colleague's help keep our democracy vibrant. The insights, skills, and knowledge of the governmental process they gain from their experiences will last a lifetime and prove invaluable to them as they go about making their mark in this world.

Because of people like them the future of our country is bright, and its best days lie ahead. I wish them all well.

RECOGNIZING CHIEF OF POLICE
MICHAEL MERTENS FOR 33
YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE PEOPLES
OF NEW BALTIMORE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the distinguished career of retired Chief Michael Mertens. Chief Mertens has dedicated 33 years of his life to the People of New Baltimore, leaving an indelible mark on the department and the lives of those he served. He began his journey in law enforcement in 1987, graduating with distinction from the Macomb Police Academy. Throughout his career, he exhibited exceptional leadership and unwavering dedication to public safety.

As a certified Firearms Instructor, Chief Mertens ensured his fellow officers were well-trained and prepared for the challenges they faced. He courageously confronted the rising threat of drug-related crimes, leading successful investigations and making substantial steps against crime, including leading the largest LSD seizure in Michigan at that time.

Selected for the Macomb County's multi-jurisdictional Special Weapons and Tactics Team, Chief Mertens demonstrated considerable bravery and commitment to the protection of his community. His promotion to Sergeant in 2004 further showcased his leadership abilities and dedication to his colleagues.

Accepted into the esteemed FBI National Academy Associates in 2008, Chief Mertens solidified his outstanding qualifications and commitment to excellence. As Chief of the New Baltimore Police Department from 2019, he implemented crucial initiatives, securing resources and enhancing public safety measures.

Beyond doubt, Chief Michael Mertens' exceptional career in law enforcement has left a lasting impact on the City of New Baltimore. Today, we express our deepest gratitude and admiration for his unwavering commitment to public safety and his remarkable service to our community.

INTRODUCTION OF THE BAYARD RUSTIN STAMP ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the Bayard Rustin Stamp Act. This bill would direct the United States Postmaster General to issue a forever stamp to commemorate the life and work of Bayard Rustin. I introduce this bill with Congressman RITCHIE TORRES. We introduce this bill now to coincide with the 60th anniversary of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, which occurred on August 28, 1963, and the anniversary of Rustin's death, which occurred on August 24, 1987.

Born March 17, 1912, Bayard Rustin became one of the most important leaders in the 20th century civil rights movement. At a young age, Rustin learned the values of nonviolence and peacekeeping from his grandparents'

Quaker faith, and he would continue to build these values into his life as a civil rights movement leader.

Rustin attended City College of New York, where he joined a progressive club that aimed to remedy racial issues during turbulent times. His time with the club was short-lived, but it inspired him to join the Fellowship of Reconciliation, an organization that became a champion for labor rights, equity and world peace.

Rustin's time with the Fellowship of Reconciliation led him to become a leader in the 1947 "Journey to Reconciliation," where white and Black people across the South rode buses together to challenge segregation laws, a precursor to the Freedom Rides.

Rustin was an advisor in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s inner circle as King advocated pacifism and nonviolence for achieving equal treatment for African Americans. Rustin applied his brilliant strategic mind to execute aggressive, peaceful action in the civil rights movement and throughout his life as an activist.

His most important role was as the chief organizer of the historic March on Washington, the largest demonstration ever organized at the time, in which a quarter of a million people turned out to demand civil rights for African Americans.

In the years after the civil rights movement, Rustin, a gay man, inspired others to advocate for and to achieve rights for LGBTQ people. He remained a strategist and public speaker for workers' rights movements, including co-founding the A. Philip Randolph Institute, an organization for Black trade union members. Rustin remained committed to promoting social good, and advocating for the disenfranchised, until his death.

I urge my colleagues to support this bill.

CELEBRATING BRIGADIER GENERAL MATTHEW HIGER'S CAREER OF SERVICE

HON. MIKE GARCIA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a lifelong patriot and soldier who has proudly served our great Nation in uniform for more than 30 years. After a storied career marked by professional exceptionalism and taking on new challenges without hesitation, Brigadier General Matthew Higer will be enjoying his well-earned retirement. While the team at Edwards Air Force Base will surely miss his leadership, General Higer will undoubtedly be enjoying the opportunity to spend more time with loved ones.

Prior to his command of the 412th Test Wing, General Higer began his career attending some of our nation's finest military learning institutions, earning his commission from the Air Force Officer Reserve Training Corps at the University of Southern California and going on to attend the United States Army War College and the United States Naval Postgraduate School. Between his stints at these schools, General Higer served as a test pilot, evaluator pilot, and instructor pilot. No matter which role he was serving in at the time, Higer consistently distinguished himself from his fellow airmen through his hard work ethic and commitment to the pursuit of excellence. Over

the course of his career, General Higer has piloted 40 different types of aircraft and accrued over 3,000 military flight hours.

General Higer is concluding his admirable career at Edwards Air Force Base as commander of the 412th Test Wing, but this was not his first time in what is first time in California's "Aerospace Valley". He first came here as a student-pilot in 2003, attending the world-famous U.S. Air Force Test Pilot School and setting himself apart from the rest of his class with his skill and tenacity. While he went on to fulfill different roles around the country, General Higer couldn't stay away from Edwards AFB for long. He returned in 2017 and served as Commandant for the same test pilot school he graduated from as a young soldier, and later ascended to the position of Commander for the 412th Test Wing. Under his leadership, Edwards Air Force Base has remained the center of the flight testing universe, overseeing the testing of such programs as the F-16, T-38, T-7 A, F-22, F-35, C-12, C-17, KC-135, KC-46, B-1, B-2, B-52, B-21. Because of the work of General Higer and the brave men and women under his command, our nation is better prepared and equipped for the future and positioned to exceed our enemies in next-generation air dominance.

Once again, I want to recognize and sincerely thank Brigadier General Higer for his lifetime of service to our great Nation. I know myself, our community, and all those at the 412th Test Wing will be wishing him nothing but happiness and prosperity in his retirement.

HONORING THE STAFFORD NAACP FOR 67 YEARS OF SERVICE

HON. ABIGAIL DAVIS SPANBERGER OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Ms. SPANBERGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the Stafford County NAACP in honor of 67 years of service to the community.

Founded in 1956, the Stafford County NAACP has worked tirelessly "to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate race-based discrimination," working to build a better future for everyone in Stafford County.

As the first and longest-serving president of the Stafford County NAACP, Frank White, Sr. laid the groundwork for this branch's long-term commitment to service. His legacy continues through his son, Frank White, Jr.—an active member.

Under the current leadership of President Yolanda Roussell, the Stafford County NAACP continues to be a beacon in the community through its activism, partnerships with local churches, support for Black-owned businesses, voter registration drives, and community forums on African American history, public education, and mental health.

The Stafford County NAACP brings the entire community together for large celebrations—including the Stafford County NAACP Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration and the Stafford County NAACP Juneteenth Commemoration and Celebration. These events would not have been possible without the hard work of its members.

The Stafford County NAACP has demonstrated a fervent commitment to our communities and an extraordinary devotion to the strength and prosperity of our Commonwealth. As the U.S. Representative for Virginia's Seventh District, I am honored to recognize this organization for its tremendous record of service to Stafford County—and I thank the Stafford County NAACP for building a stronger Virginia.

HONORING THE CAREER OF LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JUDITH ROBERTSON

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. DUNCAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable career of Lieutenant Commander Judith Robertson. Lieutenant Commander Robertson, a resident of Easley for nearly three decades, was the first female Physician Assistant in the United States Navy and a trailblazer in her field.

In 1974, Lieutenant Commander Judith Robertson entered the United States Navy and later graduated from the Sheppard Air Force Base's Physician Assistant Program with a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Physician Assistant Studies from the University of Nebraska. Ultimately, earned the title of the first female Physician Assistant, paving the way for countless women to follow in her footsteps. During her time in the U.S. Navy, she used her knowledge and training to provide OB/GYN services to Vietnam refugees at Talega Camp Pendleton, California. Her dedication and commitment to serving her country is evident in her 30-plus years of active service, during which she exemplified the highest standards of professionalism and excellence. For her service, she was awarded three Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, two National Defense Service medals, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Humanitarian Service Medal.

Since she retired from active duty in 1998, Lieutenant Commander Robertson's passion for helping others has not waned. Since settling down in Easley, South Carolina, she has continued to contribute to her community as a volunteer at Easley Baptist Hospital, selflessly giving her time and expertise to assist those in need. Her humility and willingness to serve are attributes that make her an invaluable member of her community.

Mr. Speaker, Lieutenant Commander Judith Robertson's tireless dedication and unwavering commitment to service, in both the United States Navy and Easley Baptist Hospital, have left a lasting impact on my constituency. It is a privilege to celebrate the service of Lieutenant Commander Robertson and the barriers she has broken through her service in the United States Navy. This has made her an inspiration and role model for countless young women and service members. I am honored to represent the third district of South Carolina and to celebrate the exceptional individuals who make a difference in our community and country.

RECOGNIZING CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH OF BUFFALO

HON. BRIAN HIGGINS

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, today I am honored to recognize the impact of Calvary Baptist Church of Buffalo. Calvary Baptist will celebrate its 85th anniversary on September 15, 2023, which will mark several decades of critical service to our community and its residents.

Calvary began on Clinton Street with Rev. Polite in 1938, and through the years, has become a staple of the Western New York region. This church is compassionate and dedicated to the mission of helping others, and they do this through local and global leadership that focuses on fostering strong intergenerational disciples. The efforts in Christian education have made significant impacts on the lives of many, and the nurturing of all followers (of every generation) is a testament to the love and unity within this church family. Every day, our community ought to recognize and appreciate the leadership and members of Calvary for their selfless work and devotion. Their contributions to the betterment of our community have not gone unnoticed, and their impact extends far beyond the walls of the congregation.

Reverend Corey Bernard Gibson of Buffalo, New York, was named as the seventh and current pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church. Pastor Gibson has continued to carry out community service, catering to both spiritual and social needs. This includes the continuation of the Community Outreach Day and the establishment of a scholarship for the local community high school, along with various other events throughout the year that focus on benefiting the children of Buffalo. It is critically important to recognize such efforts, and I ask that you join me in thanking the leaders and membership of Calvary Baptist, alike, for their successful endeavors over the last 85 years.

RECOGNIZING THE 85TH BIRTHDAY OF JOHN TOWNSEND

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. ROGERS of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish John Townsend a happy 85th birthday.

John is a native of Talladega County, Alabama. He resides in Fayetteville with his wife, Lola M. Townsend. They have been married for 56 years. He has one son, John Townsend, Jr., who is married to Brenda Townsend and one daughter, Victoria Cook, who is married to Alfred Cook, Sr.

Mr. Townsend is blessed with six grandchildren: Jalane, Daria, Alfred, Jr., Johntavis, Cameron, and Alexandria. He has 8 great-grandchildren with the youngest 2 of them twin boys.

Mr. Townsend worked for Avondale Mills for more than 29 years before he retired. He also worked for Parker Fertilizer for many years.

In his free time, Mr. Townsend enjoys gardening and spending time with his family. To

celebrate this milestone, Mr. Townsend is celebrating his 85th birthday at Top of the River restaurant with his family and friends.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in wishing John Townsend a very happy 85th birthday.

HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF MRS. SUE AUGUSTINE

HON. JOHN GARAMENDI

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. GARAMENDI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with my colleague, Rep. MIKE THOMPSON, to honor the life and lasting contributions of Mrs. Sue Augustine, longtime Solano County resident. Passing away at 82, Mrs. Augustine leaves behind an indelible legacy of love, leadership, and service to her community and family.

Born in 1940, in Detroit, Michigan, Mrs. Augustine demonstrated a hardworking and tenacious spirit from a young age. After graduating from St. Mary's High School in Mount Clemens, Michigan, she worked as a receptionist and switchboard operator for the City of Mt. Clemens, where she met and married Mr. Len Augustine.

Mr. Augustine's service in the Air Force brought their family all over the world, ultimately leading them to establish a permanent home in Vacaville. Mrs. Augustine was a critical member of the Solano County community, working as a library assistant at both Vacaville libraries and volunteering for numerous charities. From crocheting for Hearts and Hands to supporting St. Mary's Church to serving at the Church Food Locker, Mrs. Augustine embodied the spirit of generosity and selflessness in every aspect of her life.

Mrs. Augustine will be remembered not only for her years of service to Solano County, but also for her genuine kindness and compassion. Her willingness to lend an ear and a helping hand to anyone in need earned her the widespread respect and gratitude of her community. Mrs. Augustine impacted the lives of countless members of her community and her steadfast leadership, constant smile, and patient mentorship undeniably enhanced the lives of her fellow Solano County residents.

Mrs. Augustine's enduring spirit will live on in her loving husband, son, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. We would like to extend our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Augustine's loved ones. We know that they, along with the people of Solano County, join us in celebrating her life and legacy.

RECOGNIZING RONNIE LEE JETT

HON. ROBERT J. WITTMAN

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mr. WITTMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ronald "Ronnie" Jett, who has

recently passed away, and to honor his service to Virginia's First District and the Nation.

Ronnie served as a life member on the Northumberland Rescue Squad and is a recipient of the Michael B. Player Award for excellence in EMS. His service to his community continued with the Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department, where he served as an active member for nearly four decades. He has also been recognized as a life member for this service.

In January 1996, Ronnie was sworn into office for the Northumberland County Board of Supervisors for District 5. While on the Board he acted as Vice Chair for six years, Chairman for eighteen years, Emergency Services Director for eighteen years, and liaison for the Board to the Northern Neck Regional Jail since July 2000. His work on the Board includes enhancements to the County 911 System, obtaining funding for the Fire Department, construction of school complexes, athletic fields, and first responder facilities. His loyalty and care for the citizens and staff was clearly visible through his work to better his County.

Ronnie was a family man who survived by his wife, Linda S. Jett, daughters, Carrie Jo Jett and Kelly Morgan Jett, stepdaughters Kristi and Carlina; eight grandchildren, Kyndal, Karter, Haleigh, Michael, Keith, Macey, Dallas, and Michael Jr.; sister, Patsy Basye, and numerous caring nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Doris and Wilson Jett, and his brothers, Mitchell and Michael Jett. He could often be found spending time with his dog, Mia, or on his boat with family when he was away from his businesses, Smith Point Seafood and Cockrells Creek Deli.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in recognizing the service, accomplishments, and values of Ronnie Lee Jett. May God bless Ronnie, and may He look over Ronnie's family as we remember his splendid life.

RECOGNIZING MICHAEL TOMTISHEN OF NEW BALTIMORE

HON. LISA C. McCLAIN

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize an extraordinary constituent whose dedication, service, and unwavering commitment to our community exemplify core American values.

Michael Tomtishen, who many throughout the City of New Baltimore regard as a 'home-town hero,' is a veteran of the Vietnam War, a two-time Purple Heart recipient, and a life-long resident in his community.

Mr. Tomtishen served in the United States Army for three years, of which two were spent in Vietnam. He assisted in the training of troops at Fort Benning in Georgia and was severely injured in combat as a result of a land-

mine. An active member of the Lempke-Blackwell VFW Post 7573 and AMVETS Post 52, Michael Tomtishen has assisted and participated in many local events and parades, once saving an onlooker's life by performing CPR.

For 30 years, Mr. Tomtishen has also honored fallen heroes by assisting in the placement of American flags—a task he was never asked to do. Michael Tomtishen is a hero to many—his selfless commitment to those around him is an example for us all to follow.

With National Purple Heart Day still fresh in our hearts and minds, I am beyond proud to honor Michael for his many years of unselfish leadership, generosity, and respect for his community. We are all indebted to him for the example he sets.

INTRODUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT HOME RULE ACT

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, today, I introduce the District of Columbia Board of Zoning Adjustment Home Rule Act. This bill would give the District of Columbia the authority to appoint the members of the D.C. Board of Zoning Adjustment (Board), except when the Board is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to a chancery. The Board issues special exceptions, or variances, to the regulations issued by the D.C. Zoning Commission (Commission). This bill would not alter the authority of the Board.

Under current law, in general, the Board consists of a representative each from the National Capital Planning Commission (NCPC), which is a federal agency, and the Commission, each of whom may be a federal official, and three mayoral appointees, subject to D.C. Council approval. The Board has no authority over federal property.

Under current law, when the Board is performing functions regarding an application by a foreign mission with respect to the location, expansion or replacement of a chancery, the Board consists of the Executive Director of NCPC, the Director of the National Park Service (or, if the President so designates, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of the Interior or the Administrator of General Services) and the three mayoral appointees. This bill would not change this composition.

D.C., like every other jurisdiction in the United States, should be free to set its own local land-use policies. This bill is an important step to increase home rule for D.C. I urge my colleagues to support it.

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Senate

Chamber Action

The Senate met at 10:47:39 a.m. in pro forma session, and adjourned at 10:49:08 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Friday, August 18.

Pro Forma Session—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that notwithstanding the order of Thursday, July 27, 2023, Senate not convene at 12 noon on Tuesday, August

15, 2023, as previously ordered; and that when Senate adjourns on Tuesday, August 15, 2023, it stand adjourned until 1 p.m., on Friday, August 18, 2023, with all other provisions of the order of Thursday, July 27, 2023 remaining in effect. **Page S3857**

Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 5204–5222 were introduced.

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Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Griffith to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Canada–United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Canada–United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Higgins (NY), Larsen (WA), Morelle, Omar, and Thanedar.

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Mexico–United States Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members on the part of the House to the Mexico–United States Interparliamentary Group: Representatives Cuellar and Correa.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: There were no Yea and Nay votes, and there were no Recorded votes. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 11 a.m. and adjourned at 11:03 a.m.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, AUGUST 18, 2023

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

1 p.m., Friday, August 18

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10:30 a.m., Friday, August 18

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will meet in a pro forma session.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: House will meet in Pro Forma session at 10:30 a.m.

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